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SCHOOL BOARD SUNDAY AT LINCOLN HIGH

COLORED SOLDIERS OVER SEAS "MAKING GOOD"

French and American Commanders Praise Their Coolness and Courage Under Severest "Baptism of Fire."

Snappy at Drilling and Expert in Field Maneuvers. "My Oldest Veterans Could Do it No Better," Said a Noted French General.

With the American Armies in France—Colored troops from America already have established themselves in Europe as being cool and reliable fighters in the front line. Both American and French commands say so, and if the Germans ever discovered who it was that held part of the line through Argonne Forest when the boches failed to get through some time ago, the German command has a decidedly high respect for American Colored Infantry.

Up and down the line, after the test of a year's service, you hear no doubts expressed regarding the Colored Infantry. The Colored doughboys have made good in the line as well as behind. They have proven themselves cool and brave soldiers in the trenches, and gentlemen when back at rest in French towns. You are continually running into units of these Colored chaps as you travel up and down the line from Switzerland to Flanders.

Pull Off Some Snappy Drilling. Down in a little town some miles back of Verdun the correspondent on



MRS. MAGGIE WASHINGTON

The above is a splendid likeness of the best agent that the Kansas City Sun has in this city, Mrs. Maggie Washington, who sells each Saturday more than 150 Suns, an equal number of Defenders and quite a few Freeman. Mrs. Washington is quiet and unassuming, but an active and alert business woman who makes friends of her many customers, of whom she is justly proud and to whom she is sincerely thankful for their weekly patronage. While some women are scouring and scrubbing every day in the week, Mrs. Washington, with her polite and intelligent children, earns in two days from \$20.00 to \$30.00. The Sun has a number of other agents whom it hopes will strive to equal if not surpass the splendid record of Mrs. Washington.

counted a large unit of these Colored chaps, a Negro unit from New York, they had made a great hit with the French officers in high command of the sector. Unlike the New York Negroes, these Chicago boys had encountered no big fighting, and they were disappointed at being taken from the trenches before doing big fighting.

The French officers explained that good soldiers can be recognized just as well when they are holding the line as when they are fighting, but the Colored doughboys were still disappointed. Finally the French general of the army came down to review the Negro outfit. Down by the creek they went through some of the snappiest exercise ever seen, and the French general was delighted. When the review as it had been planned was finished the general turned to the Ameri-

"If I were an American general what would I do now?" asked the Frenchman. "Most anything," replied the colonel. "These boys will do anything you wish."

"Well, suppose the Germans were across the creek," replied the general. "I'd like to have this nearest company attack them."

Difficult Field Maneuver Skillfully Executed.

The captain of the nearest company who given the order, and he marched his men across the meadow, where they suddenly disappeared. Pretty soon a whistle sounded and the company was up and running toward the creek. Only a minute, and then they dropped, waiting, then running, always skirmishing in the latest approved French fashion.

When they dropped it was with skirmish lines in advance and two support lines leading off to the rear, with each man dropping over the legs of the chap in front of him. Tin derbies and packs covered the upper portions of their bodies.

After a bit of a flank movement by a couple of platoons, the supposed German positions along the creek were stormed and taken. The French general was delighted beyond words for a moment. Finally he said, "My oldest veterans could do it no better, even if they were warned it was on the program, and your boys did that extemporaneously." The general remembered the review, and a few days later these colored chaps from Chicago received a fine letter from him, congratulating them on their spirit de corps and their work.

FRENCH LIKE COLORED AMERICANS.

It was interesting to see how these colored boys mixed with the French inhabitants of the village, with whom the Americans were billeted. The French folks like the colored boys, and felt highly honored at the way the latter learned French. The colored Americans are getting extremely fluent, and it fits entirely with their scheme of things to use all French forms of politeness.

Down the battle line a large unit of colored troops was encountered at serious business. It was going into the line, taking over a hilly and important sector formerly held by French troops. It was the first taste of the trenches, or of the front for the boys in this unit. These men were mostly from the South. They had been trained in the middle west, and some more in France, but never had been on duty under shell fire.

Yet on this dark night, while the Germans bombarded, these thousands of colored doughboys, chiefly under the direction of colored officers, though some were white, took over a difficult and long sector without a mishap and with less noise than usual, so the French officers said. They have held that long sector for some time now, and there has been no slip, from the farthest outpost to the rear supply truck.

You ask how can the Wheatley-Provident Hospital Auxiliary serve a complete dinner including turkey with cranberry sauce, two or three vegetables, mince and pumpkin pie and drinks for 35 cents? The answer is easy. Everything is donated. Chickens, ducks and turkeys are being contributed by friends of the hospital, both in Kansas City and other cities, and vegetables are being given by the sack and the only thing the splendid women of the Wheatley-Provident Hospital Auxiliary have to do is to prepare it in that appetizing way that made their last dinner such a famous and overwhelming success. This time they will be positively prepared to

NEGROES OF KANSAS CITY AGAIN GO OVER THE TOP

100% Americanism From First Gun Fire to Last.

United War Work Campaign Another Victory.

\$40,000 Says Chairman Dabney.

The loyalty of the Kansas City Negroes to the war program as evidenced from the beginning of hostilities to the signing of the armistice, November 11, which marked its close, by the cheerfulness with which he responded to every call, stamps him as a patriot of the Simon Pure breed. But, for that matter, when was the Negro here or elsewhere ever anything else? The true stout-heartedness of the American Black has never by his worst enemy been admissibly to the realm of doubt. True character as indicated by the significance of color was never more pronounced in the history of the world.

The German spy system, cunning in device and devious in ways, in its aggressive ramifications, penetrated the innermost seclusion of state and industrial life, offering grave impediments, startling and stubborn opposition and many times successful, the temporary barriers to the Nation's progress in its efforts to get into the war.

A Shining Record.

The attainment of this nefarious system never was able to establish a contact that would bring the loyalty of the American Negro under the faintest suspicion. When spies were sought for, fairer faces than that of the Negro were scrutinized and the slacker, when found, was always of a different and supposedly more favorable racial type. He scorned the life the proffer of German gold and discerned the purpose of German intrigue, falling not a prey to the one nor a dupe to the other; but notwithstanding the many inequalities new and old, of which just complaint might most emphatically be made, all thought of self was submerged to the nobler obligation due to his Government and that due to the bigger debt owned to the brotherhood of the world, and lighting the fires of patriotism in 12,000,000 hopeful hearts he offered most freely and willingly the same spotless 100% Americanism as a sacrifice upon the holy altar of freedom which has characterized this peculiar people from the struggle on Boston Commons in 1776 and through all intervening crises of the Nation down to the inferno in the trenches in France November 11, 1918.

The universal vote of confidence reposed in his unquestionable manhood by the Governmental departments from the beginning to the end very amply attests this incontrovertible fact. Throughout this heart trying, nerve shattering conflict, willing sacrifice, full service, manly fortitude, and jeweled consistency, contributes to the splendid record which his dauntless hand has traced upon the paged history of the world.

Kansas City's Part.

No American city can justly point with a finger of greater pride to the part which its Negro citizenship has played than Kansas City, Mo. One big heart throb, black and white in unison, may aptly describe the patriotic enthusiasm which greeted the declaration of war by the President against Germany and started this community out upon the many herculean tasks of multiplied war programs allotted and which it has been called upon from time to time to perform. The lofty and high minded white men and women composing the various war work committees from the very start, recognizing the splendid character of their Negro neighbors, joined their hands unto ours, giving us the widest possible opportunity for service and the dollars thus raised and the effort expended in the raising of them lost all traces of the color line when blended into the overflowing quota of Kansas City's abundant success.

United War Work Campaign Another Victory.

which will close today, marks another victory for us and gives further evidence of the tireless effort and continued devotion of our people. The committee when chosen to conduct this campaign assessed against the Negro manhood and womanhood of this city \$10,000.00 as a reasonable proportion of the \$1,000,000 required to be raised. The week has been one of tireless effort upon the part of the workers engaged and from the reports already obtained by Chairman Dabney, it is fair to assume that the sum total of our subscription will exceed \$40,000.00; but let none refuse to GIVE, GIVE, GIVE. Give up to the last minute and to the last man, woman and child and remember that in so doing you will help to render more bearable the lot of our brave soldiers, black and white who have so valiantly fought to make possible the freedom of the world.



COLONEL CHARLES YOUNG

the only Negro of his rank in the United States Army, restored to duty and assigned to Camp Grant, Rockford, Ill. This action of the War Department brings unbounded joy to the 10,000,000 Negroes of this country and

the people of Liberia, with whom Colonel Young was associated for several years. It again demonstrates that Emmett J. Scott is the greatest diplomat and most loyal and successful representative of his race that we have yet had in public life.

The Committee.

The list of the men and women whose names compose the list of the workers of this week's campaign shall go down in Kansas City when the final pages of the war work's achievements are closed. Because of the fact that our women worked under the Ladies' Auxiliary we are unable to give a list of their names but the following are the lists of the men who were captains and the members of the various teams:

TEAM No. 1.
D. M. Miller, Captain.
Dr. Briscoe, Forest Striderman.
Dr. G. W. Brown, Rev. J. W. Hulse.
H. B. Moore, Dr. T. C. Brown.
Chas. H. Harris, Dr. M. G. Brooks.
TEAM No. 2.
Charles R. Westmoreland, Captain.
C. H. Adkins.
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T. B. Steward, T. J. Taylor.
Jas. A. Lee, J. Bluford.
L. R. Hopkins, H. A. Marten.
TEAM No. 3.
C. A. Franklin, Captain.
R. W. Alexander, C. R. Groves.
J. W. Holbert, R. Lee Whibbey.
C. A. Starks, Rev. S. Lewis.
A. T. Moore, Rev. J. M. Booker.
Percy H. Lee, Captain.
M. E. Oden.
A. M. Wilson, Dr. L. P. Richardson.
Jas. A. Baker, Dr. E. B. Ramsey.
T. E. Watkins, Rev. W. T. Osborne.
W. G. Moore, P. C. James.
W. H. Harrison.
TEAM No. 5.
Dr. E. C. Bunch, Captain.
A. J. Hopkins, Dr. C. A. M. Kane.
C. H. Calloway, Dr. A. B. Egleston.
Dr. A. P. Redford, Dr. A. B. Egleston.

TEAM No. 6.

T. C. Chapman, Captain.
William S. McKnight, W. H. Nolen.
Dr. Wm. J. Thompson, Dr. M. H. Lambright.
kins, I. M. Horton.
Felix H. Payne, Dr. L. M. Tillman.
Martin Young, N. Clark Smith.

TEAM No. 7.

W. B. Bruce, Captain.
James Gibbs, Dr. J. R. Williams.
C. H. Countee.
W. D. Foster, John Lange.
W. H. Houston, Dr. W. H. Bruce.
Dr. E. F. Lee, Dr. J. E. Dibble.
Dr. T. A. Jones.

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Prof. Robt. G. Jackson, musical instructor at Western University, left for K. U. this week to take a course of training of the S. A. T. C. Musical Instruction, in which he will undoubtedly take high rank this fall.

THE COLORED AMERICAN IN WAR WORK

Col. Young Recalled to Army Duty at Ft. Grant

DISABLED NEGRO SOLDIERS

Washington, D. C., Nov. 14.—Announcement is made by Emmett J. Scott, special assistant, that the Secretary of War has directed as necessary in the military service that Colonel Charles Young proceed to Camp Grant, Rockford, Illinois, and report in person to the Commanding General of that Camp for assignment to duty in connection with the Colored Development Battalions at Camp Grant.

Ten New Colored Chaplains Appointed. Ten new Colored chaplains have been appointed for service among the Colored troops of the United States Army, with rank of first lieutenant.

They are: Charles Y. Trigg (Methodist) assigned to Camp Alexander, Newport News, Va.; Needham M. Means (Methodist), to Camp Travis, Fort Sam Houston, Tex.; James B. Adams (Baptist), to Camp Lee, Va.; Robert G. Morris (Methodist), to Camp Meade, Annapolis Junction, Md.; Robert W. Jefferson (Baptist), and George C. Parker and Isaac C. Snowden (both Methodists), to Camp Sevier, Greenville, S. C.; Frank R. Arnold, William Y. Bell and Benjamin H. Johnson are as yet unassigned. These appointments, together with the number previously assigned, gives a total of sixty Colored chaplains now serving in the United States Army, in this country and overseas.

Colored Medical Officers Assigned to Active Service.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 14.—Announcement is made that a number of Colored physicians, who have been serving as privates in the military service, have been given commissions as lieutenants in the Army Medical Corps and have been assigned to active duty in several of the Colored schools where units of the Students' Army Training Corps are established and young Colored men are receiving instruction in collegiate and vocational branches, in connection with their training in military science and tactics.

Lieut. Fred D. Ramsey has been assigned to Tuskegee Institute, Alabama, and Lieut. Robert D. Foster to Morehouse College and Atlanta University, Atlanta, for duty with both institutions.

The following assignments have also been made: Lieut. J. M. Gill to Branch Normal School, Pine Bluff, Ark.; Lieut. J. I. A. Webb to Negro Agricultural and Technical College, Greensboro, N. C.; Lieut. J. N. S. Taylor, Hampton Institute, Hampton, Va., and Lieut. W. H. Calloun to Meharry Medical College and Fisk University, Nashville, Tenn., the last named serving with both of the Nashville colleges.

That the careful study of disabled soldiers by the Red Cross Institute in New York will be of special benefit to Negro soldiers is pre-eminently apparent. The Government gives to them, of course, as to the American Indians in the military service, exactly the same benefits which come to the white men. These black men and red men are making history in Europe and their place will be honorable when they return and their services will be required.

Among the Negro soldiers who will be returned crippled from the front, there will be men who, before they entered the Army, had no special occupation or education of any kind; these will be given trades and perfected in them so that to make a living will be not only possible but agreeable, for they will be permitted to choose their callings. Already much has been done in Canada and England for the black crippled soldier. For those who have the knack of hand craft, shoemaking, tailoring and similar trades have proven successful to a degree, especially for those who have lost legs. Typewriting, stenography, telegraphy have been successfully taught to crippled Negroes, the one-armed finding clever devices for a doing them in these callings.

and his special physical loss being the only restrictions in the trades; while for the man who has not ceased to find life in the country preferable (and this will include many of the Indian soldiers) there are agricultural industries included in the curriculum. —Augusta Scott Chaney in the Southern Workman.

TWO LIEUTENANTS KILLED. News received today announce the death of Lieut. Horpole and Lieut. Meriwether, Colored, both of Kansas City, Kan., killed in action October 6 in France. Other reports concerning Colored troops are looked for soon.



DR. HOWARD M. SMITH

The dignified, courteous and competent superintendent of the Home for Aged and Infirm Negroes of Jackson County, who has proven himself one of the most brilliant and skillful political leaders of the race and who has the confidence of Judge Miles Bulger, Hon. Thomas Pendergast and the other leaders of the Democratic Party in this city and state. The Sun is proud of Dr. Smith and the splendid work he did in assisting in the reelection of that champion of the common people, Judge Bulger.

REV. DR. HURSE HONORED. Rev. J. W. Hulse, D. D., the able and popular pastor of St. Stephen's Baptist Church, was given a delightful reception at the Church last Thursday evening in honor of his return from a six weeks' vacation in the Southland.

The church was beautifully decorated with flags, bunting and potted plants and with its newly painted walls and ceiling presented a most pleasing appearance.

The following program was rendered: "Our Pastor," Mrs. Mary Mason Reading; "Mrs. Lucy Bowman Solo," "Ave Marie," Mrs. Lula Beavers Address; Dr. D. M. Miller Instrumental Solo; Little Geneva Hulse Address; Nelson C. Crews Response; Dr. J. W. Hulse. Splendid music was rendered throughout the evening by Tullis Orchestra.

At the conclusion of the addresses a delightful luncheon was served by the ladies of the church, assisted by the excellent Deacon Board and Officers.

About 300 persons were present.

WANTED. The Sun wants a competent and intelligent collector and agent for Kansas City, Kansas. Salary and commission. Must be able to make deposit for faithful performance of duty. We also have an opening for an active collector in this city. Call at Sun office.

Rev. Mary E. Tivis left this week for Mt. Vernon, Ill., where she expects to begin an evangelical campaign. Rev. Tivis will hold a series of meetings throughout the East. She will

Make no engagement Thanksgiving Day that does not include the big 35-